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SUBJECT: SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE NCCDPC, SEP 5-9, 1977 -
AGENDA PART B (TECHNICAL)

REF: AC/284-A/16, JUNE 29, 1977 (NOTAL)
SUMMARY: THE NATO COMMAND, CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS
AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING COMMITTEE (NCCDPC) WILL MEET
AT NATO HQ SEP 5-9, 1977. THE AGENDA (REF) IS DIVIDED INTO
POLICY (PART A) AND TECHNICAL (PART B) SESSIONS. THIS
MESSAGE PROVIDES OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS ON ITEMS
IN PART B OF THE AGENDA. END SUMMARY.
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1. THE NCCDPC WILL CONVENE A TWO-PART MEETING AT NATO HQ,
DEVOTING SEP 5-6 TO PART A OF ITS AGENDA (POLICY) AND
SEP 7-9 TO PART B (TECHNICAL). WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US
REP TAKE THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS IN PART B OF THE AGENDA.
ITEM 1 - INTRODUCTION: WE RECOMMEND TAKING NOTE.

2. ITEM II - ADOPTION OF PART B AGENDA: WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

3. ITEM III - APPROVAL OF THE DECISION SHEET OF 15TH MEETING: WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

4. ITEM IV - STATUS OF FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES TO THE 15TH MEETING: WE RECOMMEND TAKING NOTE.

5. ITEM V - THE ROLE OF THE NCCDPC: WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US REP AGREE TO RECOMMENDATION A IN AC/284-WP/76 AND NOT AGREE TO B THRU F. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS MERIT IN THE IDEA OF A "CONCEPT DOCUMENT" (AC/284-WP/76, PARA 8) (FOR THE NCCDPC AS WELL AS OTHER TECHNICAL BODIES), AND RECOMMEND AGREEMENT TO SUCH MEASURES AS PROMOTE THIS PRACTICE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE NCCDPC SHOULD PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME OF THE MULTI PROJECT COORDINATION (MPC) STUDY AT THIS TIME, AND WE RECOMMEND AGAINST ANY SUBSTANTIAL REVISIONS TO ITS TOR PENDING THE MPC FINAL REPORT. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US REP PROPOSE THAT DISCUSSIONS ON THE ROLE OF THE NCCDPC TAKE PLACE IN PART A OF THE AGENDA.

6. ITEM VI - MCCISWG: WE RECOMMEND NOTING THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (AC/284-N/48, JULY 13, 1977). WE GENERALLY AGREE WITH THE CONTENT OF AC/284-WP/75 BUT RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS ON EFFORTS IN "APPLICATION SOFTWARE" AND "INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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FACES AND ASSOCIATED SUBJECTS" (PROPOSED TASKS 04 AND 05) AND LESS PRIORITY ON THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF "SURVIVABILITY AND SECURITY" (ITEM 03 OF PROPOSED TASK 06). WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE REFERENCE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP/SECRETARY OF THE MCCISWG, AND CANNOT COMMENT ON IT.

7. ITEM VII - NATO HQ (SITCEN): WE RECOMMEND TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT AND PROPOSALS.

8. ITEM VIII - MAJOR NATO COMMANDS: WE RECOMMEND TAKING NOTE OF THE CINCHAN STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSALS FOR PROGRESSION. THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION OVER THE NEXT PHASE OF THE OPCON SYSTEM, AND THE US REP MAY WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK CINCHAN TO CONFIRM THAT ICB WILL BE USED TO PROCURE THE NEXT PHASE AND TO REVIEW THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE CONTRACTOR OF PHASE I HAS NOT GAINED AN INSURMOUNTABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE. WE RECOMMEND NOTING THE SACLANT REPORT AND PROPOSALS AND THE SACEUR STATUS REPORT. DURING WG/29 DISCUSSIONS OF THE SHAPE COMMAND CENTRE TRANSITION PROGRAMME, THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEED FOR PROGRAMMING PERSONNEL BEYOND THAT DESCRIBED IN THE DOCUMENT: THE US REP MAY WISH TO INQUIRE ABOUT SHAPE'S SUCCESS IN OBTAINING THE NECESSARY

MANPOWER. DURING DISCUSSION OF THE ACBA AND THE MEDCENT PROPOSALS, WE EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE SOME DISCUSSION OF THE GROWING SENTIMENT THAT THE WWMCCS SYSTEM IS NOT CAPABLE OF SATISFYING THESE REQUIREMENTS. THE US REP MAY WISH TO MAKE A GENERAL STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, AND COULD POINT OUT THAT THE MCCISWG'S OCTOBER VISIT TO THE US SHOULD RESULT IN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WWMCCS CAPABILITIES.

9. ITEM IX - ADP MANPOWER MATTERS: WE RECOMMEND NOTING THE REPORT.

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10. ITEM X - NCCDPC AD HOC GROUP: WE RECOMMEND AGREEMENT TO THE TOR. (FYI: AT THIS TIME WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN GERMANY'S OPPOSITION TO THE AD HOC GROUP'S TOR. END FYI.)

11. ITEM XI - NATO COMMON LANGUAGE MANAGEMENT: WE RECOMMEND AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AC/284-WP/80, JULY 27, 1977, BUT SUGGEST THAT THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT BE REEXAMINED TOWARD IDENTIFYING AN ALTERNATIVE OR A VERY

CONVINCING JUSTIFICATION.

12. ITEM XII - RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NCCDPC AND THE
CNAD: WE RECOMMEND NOTING THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.
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13. ITEM XIII - PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS OF THE NCCDPC AND
THE MCCISWG: WE RECOMMEND SUPPORT OF SUCH POLICY AND DATES
AS FAVORED BY THE MAJORITY.

14. ITEM XIV - ANY OTHER BUSINESS: THERE WILL BE DISCUS-
SION OF DUAL ROLE/SHARED FACILITIES (AC/284-WP/78, JULY 11,
1977). THE US REP MAY WISH TO STATE OUR DESIRE FOR MAXIMUM
PRACTICAL STANDARDIZATION IN HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, AND OUR
RECOGNITION THAT IN SOME SITUATIONS A DUAL ROLE FACILITY
MAY BE THE ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION. WE KNOW OF NO OTHER
TOPICS TO BE RAISED UNDER THIS ITEM.

15. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE NAMES OF THE US REPS
TO PARTS A AND B OF THE MEETING. GLITMAN

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